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SUBJ: COMSIXTHFLEET VISITS TO VENICE AND TRIESTE

1. VISITS BY COMSIXTHFLEET ADMIRAL HARRY D. TRAIN, II, TO VENICE (JUNE 9-14) AND TO TRIESTE (JUNE 14-20) WERE UNQUALIFIED SUCCESSES BY ANY CRITERION. ADMIRAL TRAIN S GRACIOUS MANNER AND HIGHLY-INFORMED ARTICULATE VIEWS QUICKLY ESTABLISHED CLOSE RAPPORT AMONG HIM, HIS STAFF, THAT OF THE USS ALBANY AND ITALIAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS ALIKE. SINCE COMSIXTHFLEET HAD NOT VISITED THESE ADRIATIC PORTS IN A NUMBER OF YEARS, THEY WERE WARMLY WELCOMED BY ITALIAN OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS AT LARGE.

2. VISITS RECEIVED BROAD COVERAGE IN THE THREE MAJOR REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS (IL GAZZETTINO, IL MESSAGGERO VENETO, AND IL PICCOLO), HIGHLIGHTING CALLS MADE BY ADMIRAL TRAIN AT HIGHEST REGIONAL LEVELS. LENGTH OF STAY, BREADTH OF CALLS, SOCIAL EVENTS AND NETWORK OF SPORTS EVENTS AND VISITS TO SHIP INVOLVING MEMBERS OF CREW, ETC., MADE BROAD, POSITIVE IMPACT ON LOCAL POPULATIONS.

3. VISITS INTRODUCED ITALIAN AND U.(1 NAVAL OFFICERS AT UNCLASSIFIED

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STAFF AND WORKING LEVELS, REMINDED ALL CONCERNED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PORTS OF VENICE AND TRIESTE IN THE US-ITALIAN SCHEME OF THINGS, GAVE CONCRETE EXPRESSION TO THE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE TWO NAVIES WITHIN THE ALLIANCE FRAMEWORK, AND UNDERLINED THE STRONG TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. TRIESTE, IN PARTICULAR, SEEMED TO WELCOME THE VISIT IN THIS RATHER SENSITIVE PERIOD OF ITS

HISTORY AS RECOGNITION OF ITS ROLE IN THE ADRIATIC.

4. AS FOR FUTURE VISITS, CONSULATE TRIESTE WOULD WELCOME THEM. IN OUR VIEW, THESE VISITS, WITH DUE REGARD FOR QUANTITY, FREQUENCY, AND TIMING, ARE VERY MUCH IN OUR OVERALL INTERESTS. MOEN.

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